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Jamaican trio the 'right fit' at Cedarville

by David Jablonski

Christopher Walker played his first official basketball game at the age of 19.

The average American college athlete has played hundreds of games by that age, worn out a dozen or so pair of high-tops and stubbed his fingers or sprained his ankle enough times to call himself a basketball player.

Walker didn't even start "tapping the ball" around until he was 17. Growing up in Kingston, Jamaica, his games were soccer and cricket.

"Basketball wasn't really a big thing where I came from," Walker said. "When we got a new television station and they started showing basketball a lot, that's when I got into it. I would see courts rarely. It wasn't a sport I was drawn to at first until I saw it on television and saw Michael Jordan."

A late growth spurt, lifting Walker to 6-foot-6, also helped inspire him to pick up the game.

Seven years after he started playing the sport seriously, Walker is a sophomore forward at Cedarville University. The Yellow Jackets' roster also includes two of Walker's fellow countrymen, 6-10 junior center Daniel Rose and 6-6 sophomore forward Ricardo Alliman.

The trio is a big reason Cedarville is ranked in the Top 25 in NAIA Division II. Together, they average 31 points and 23 rebounds per game.

That's just part of what makes the three successful.

"These are tremendous people," Cedarville coach Ray Slagle said. "Every one of them comes from a family where they understand how important this opportunity is."

The first one

One simple question changed Michael Minto's life. He was playing basketball barefooted in his hometown of Kingston when a vacationing coach from Central State spotted him.

"Suppose I put you in some shoes," the coach asked. "What would you have done?"

"Jump higher," Minto responded.

Little did Minto know just how big that jump would be. That chance encounter led to him being offered a scholarship to Central State. He spent two years



Michael Minto



Daniel Rose, Christopher Walker & Ricardo Alliman continue Cedarville's basketball connection to Jamaica.

(photo courtesy Barbara J. Perenic, Springfield News-Sun)

there before transferring to Cedarville College, where he was the team MVP in his final season, 1989-90.

Ten Jamaicans have played basketball for Cedarville. Minto was the first.

"Cedarville showed me the way to live, and I'll always remember that," Minto said. "I have a special place in my heart for Cedarville University."

Minto has repaid Cedarville in the years since he graduated. He is the treasurer for Jamaica Basketball Development Inc., based in Irvington, N.J., and returns to Jamaica twice a year to put on the Star Search basketball camp.

At those clinics, he keeps an eye out for potential Cedarville players. Minto has helped recruit the nine Jamaicans who followed him at Cedarville, including Walker, Rose and Alliman. Walker attended church on the road where Minto's parents live.

"I know what Cedarville is looking for," Minto said. "I go back there and handpick these guys. Cedarville is a Christian university, and we have to get the right fit."

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Dr. Wendell Kempton - a friend of the Cedarville family

by Dr. Don Callan

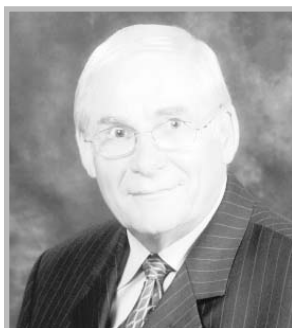
On the morning of January 6th, 2008 while out of town, early in the morning I received a call regarding the death of a good friend. One who had counseled me, assisted me with understanding and gave me a platform for ministry. It was hard to believe Dr. Wendell Kempton had died after a very brief illness. I had lost a friend and co-worker in ministry.

Dr. Kempton was the consummate coach. A former college coach, who God led to head up the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) in 1971. He held that position until 2001. The mission grew from 350 to 1,000 missionaries. The fields in which ABWE had a presence grew beyond all expectations. The mission became progressive and innovative over the years.

In addition to his world-wide travels, Dr. Kempton ministered to numerous professional sport teams and individuals. He was invited to speak at three Super Bowls and a World Series. He always challenged those with whom he met to follow Jesus Christ and trust Him for the peace they so desperately sought. His approach to athletes was so genuine that many of them give testimony that he first loved them and then shared Christ with them. Many came to know Christ, and today give testimony of the compassion and love he lavished on them over many years. As one professional athlete said as he addressed the crowd at the funeral service, "He was my best friend, and today, I found out he was a best friend to most of you." Pat Williams, Gary Maddox, Doug Collins, Bob Boone, Terry Harmon and Bobby Jones attended and spoke. Others like Dr. "J" Julius Erving and Joe Gibbs sent messages. God used Dr. Kempton in a unique way in the sports world.

Cedarville will miss him. He was a giver, and many of our athletes benefit from his generosity. Some, without his assistance, would not even be able to attend Cedarville. He will be missed.

With this article I give tribute to one who lived his life to serve others.



Dr. Wendell Kempton
(photo courtesy of ABWE)

Editor's Note: Dr. Kempton's wife, Ruth, is a Cedarville University Trustee.

Dr. Don Callan is the former Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance at Cedarville University. He also previously coached the Yellow Jacket men's basketball team for 35 years and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

By David Jablonski

Their teammates love to imitate the accent. Who doesn't know the Jamaican accent? It's a national export — like reggae and the Rastafari movement — that doesn't show up on any economic reports.

"We're pretty used to it," Ricardo Alliman said. "We just laugh whenever they try to imitate it."

Alliman, Daniel Rose and Christopher Walker stick out on the basketball court at Cedarville University not just because of their distinctive accents, but because of their talents.

They are three of the top five scorers on the team, and all together, they pull in more than half of the team's rebounds.

Alliman, 20, and Walker, 26, hail from Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, and Rose, 24, grew up in the popular tourist area of Ocho Rios, on the northern coast.

It's a long way — in distance and in culture — from the Caribbean island of Jamaica to tiny Cedarville, Ohio. The Yellow Jackets, though, have featured at least one player from the country on their roster in 13 of the last 20 seasons.

The connection stems from Cedarville's first Jamaican player, Michael Minto. He played two seasons for the Yellow Jackets, beginning in 1988, and in the years since, he has helped run the Star Search basketball camp in Jamaica every summer.

Minto keeps an eye out for players who would fit in at Cedarville. Then he calls Cedarville head coach Ray Slagle.

"We've got one for you," Minto says.

Minto has been dead-on every time, Slagle said, and it's not just talent he's looking for.

"One of the things that's unique about Cedarville obviously is that all of our kids have to have a relationship with Christ," Slagle said. "It's part of our mission statement. So not only does Mike have to pick out good players for us, he has to pick players who will fit with the mission of the university. He's gotten great players for us."

Read more from the Springfield News-Sun's David Jablonski about the CU-Jamaica basketball connection in our front page feature story.

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Jamaica to Cedarville

- Michael Minto •
1988-90
- Bobby Polack •
1993-96
- Linton Ellis •
1994-97
- Dwayne Bryan •
1996-97
- Carson Duncan •
1996-97
- Perry Mattis •
1997-98
- Mugabe Thomas •
2002-06
- Daniel Rose •
2005-present
- Ricardo Alliman •
2006-present
- Christopher Walker •
2006-present

Cedarville Attracts Talent From Island Nation of Jamaica



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Talented players

Walker, Alliman and Rose share more than a common country.

All three took up basketball relatively late, at least compared to American players. All three have the height, athleticism and work ethic needed to succeed in college basketball and in college classes. All three are good students, Slagle said.

"They're very considerate," Slagle said. "They're well-liked on campus. They have never been an ounce of problem. They're humble. They're fun loving."

Alliman, 20, was the young phenom in Kingston, Walker said. "Everyone knew Ricardo," Walker said. "He was young and exciting to watch."

Alliman played two years of high school basketball in Jamaica, leading Calabar High School to the All-Island title in 2005. He spent the 2005-06 season at Florida Prep Academy in Port Charlotte, Fla., before enrolling at Cedarville.

Last season, Alliman, a management information systems major, was named to the All-American Mideast Conference South Division Freshman Team.

Rose, 24, didn't play high school basketball in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, but was a four-year member of the Buckfield United Basketball Club. Despite his late start, his height made the sport a perfect fit. Most players have to work up to dunking. Rose could dunk from the first time he dribbled a ball.

"I could get up there," said Rose, a business management major. "That's when I started to love the game. I saw everybody dunking, and I said, 'Hey, I'm going to try it,' and I started from there."

Walker had the height, too, from the start, but he didn't play big at first. He was too busy learning how to dribble.

Walker comes from a family of 10 children, and he's not the first college athlete in his family. His sister Melaine was a track star at the University of Texas.

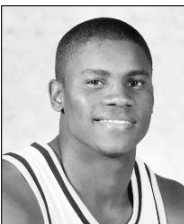
"I was one of the younger ones, so I was always protected," Walker said. "Even when I was playing basketball and was 20-something years old, I would get fouled and my brothers would be like, 'What?!' "

Adjusting to America

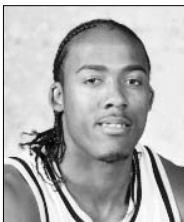
Jamaican Patois, or Jamaican Creole, is a stew of languages, a mixture created when West and Central Africans were exposed to British, Irish and Scottish English in the 17th century. Many Patois words are English words, but the pronunciations differ.

When Walker, Alliman and Rose talk among themselves, their teammates can't understand them.

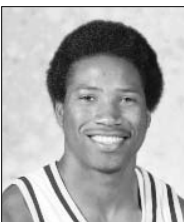
"We're from the same country, so we're going to feel more comfortable speaking our dialect, which is Patois," Rose said. "When we're talking to people who don't understand, we have to speak proper English."



Ricardo Alliman



Daniel Rose



Christopher Walker

All three can speak the English their teammates know, but it took some time. No one understood Alliman early in his time at Florida Prep Academy.

"I was trying my best to speak proper English for everyone to understand," Alliman said, "and people could hardly understand. It took a good three months for me to really adjust and start speaking."

The language gap is only one difficulty.

The first things the players mentioned when asked about the biggest differences between Jamaica and Cedarville is the food and the weather.

"Jamaican food is a lot more spicy," said Walker, admitting that he's not a great chef. "It has a lot more flavor to it, if that can be said."

Like it or not, in the end, the players get used to the weather. Here, the closest beach might be at Buck Creek State Park. On the island of Jamaica, there are beaches in every direction — and no shortage of days to enjoy them.

But Jamaica doesn't have snow, of course. Getting to experience that was one of the big curiosities for Walker.

"I wanted to see the snow. I wanted to play in it for a little bit and see how it felt," he said. "I've been in warmth all the time. I just wondered what would I do if it got that cold."

A new game

Basketball is not a major sport in Jamaica, and its progress is at a standstill, Minto said. The national team, when it gets together, practices in the United States.

There are no indoor gyms for basketball in the entire country, Minto said, though there are covered courts.

Jamaicans coming to the United States must also learn how to play a different style of basketball.

"Most of the Jamaican athletes are very athletic guys," Minto said. "The only difficulty is understanding the game. Cedarville plays a different kind of basketball. They play up-tempo basketball. You have to be prepared for that. Jamaicans play a slower game, a slower pace. Everyone is going inside with the basketball. At Cedarville, you have to run a lot."

The pace of life in Jamaica mirrors the brand of basketball.

"It's probably a bad thing," Alliman said. "But we don't make a big deal out of time and getting everywhere on time and keeping schedules here and there. We live life as it is and take life as it comes."

Walker, Rose and Alliman may have lacked certain basketball fundamentals when they first arrived in the United States. But Slagle said they quickly closed the gap.

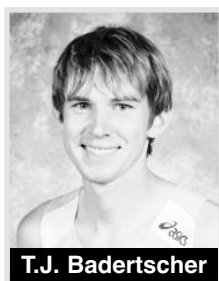
Had the three grown up in the USA with their size and talents, Cedarville probably would have had no chance to get them, Slagle said. But Slagle expects Cedarville to continue to recruit Jamaicans as long as Minto is involved, and Minto said there's a 6-11 player on the way next season.

"Our relationship with Mike is we love him and he loves us," Slagle said. "He believes that what happens in their lives is very positive. As long as good things happen to them that are not just basketball related, in the academic and spiritual domains of their life, then this will certainly continue."

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Fall 2007 NAIA/NCCAA All-Americans & Scholar-Athletes



T.J. Badertscher

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American



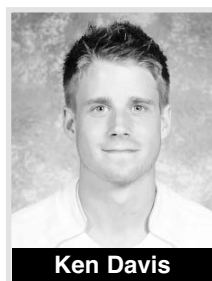
Jud Brooker

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American



Leanne Crunelle

Cross Country
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Ken Davis

Soccer
NCCAA All-American
(2nd Team)
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Josh Gelser

Soccer
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Audree Goodew

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American



Erin Hayes

Soccer
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



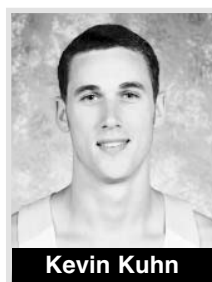
Stacey Keller

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Katie Koch

Soccer
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Kevin Kuhn

Cross Country
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Kristin Merkel

Soccer
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



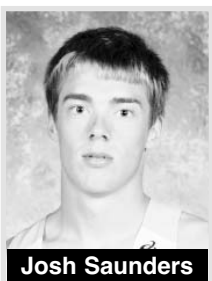
Elisabeth Pyles

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



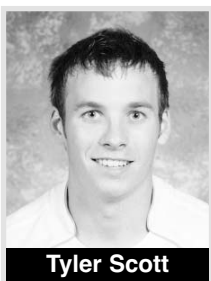
Nicole Santos

Cross Country
NAIA All-American
NCCAA All-American
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Josh Saunders

Cross Country
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Tyler Scott

Soccer
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Libby Short

Volleyball
NCCAA All-American
(2nd Team)
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



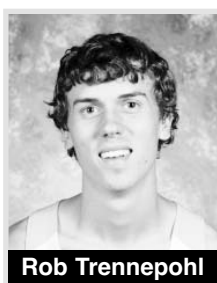
Brittany Simpson

Cross Country
NCCAA All-American
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Jessica Squier

Cross Country
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Rob Trennepohl

Cross Country
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Hannah Wailes

Soccer
NAIA Scholar-Athlete
NCCAA Scholar-Athlete



Lydia Wong

Cross Country
NAIA All-American
NCCAA All-American



Sarah Zeltman

Volleyball
NCCAA All-American
(1st Team)

Lady Jacket Basketball Reaches Out to Local Elementary School



The 2007-08 Cedarville University women's basketball team took an hour and a half every Tuesday in the month of September to have a ministry with children from the Perrin Woods Elementary School in nearby Springfield, Ohio. The team spent time with the group of second, third and fourth grade students to help them with basketball skills, play games and have one-on-one time. It also provided team members the opportunity to share the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to demonstrate to the students first-hand the transforming power of the love of Christ.



Ultimate Victory



by Kara Gibbs, Cedarville University Public Relations

If you're Scott Kennedy — a 1997 Cedarville grad — you do more than root for the team. Kennedy—as chaplain for the Cleveland Indians—teaches, prays with, and encourages this group of professional athletes. Kennedy began his role as chapel leader for the Indians in 2005 and has just completed his third season. He became aware of the position from the previous chapel leader, who attended his church. This eventually led to a phone conversation with a ministry called Baseball Chapel. After talking with the president of Baseball Chapel and getting his current boss's blessing, Kennedy began ministering to the Indians.



Scott Kennedy
(Photo courtesy of Parkside Church)

His role as chapel leader involves holding a service before Sunday home games for the two teams and the umpires. Attendance is on a voluntary basis. Kennedy works with two of the players—typically Jake Westbrook and Paul Byrd—to secure a time and place for the service. On Fridays, he holds a Bible study for any player who chooses to attend and will offer counsel and spiritual support as well. Additionally, he oversees the chapel leaders of all the minor league teams in the Indians organization—there is a leader in each city with whom he corresponds regarding ministry topics.

Kennedy says, "It might seem glamorous to do this ministry. On the outside it may appear that way, but the reality on the inside is far different. Trying to reach out to people who have it all—wealth, athleticism, status—is a tremendous challenge. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the ministry but there is certainly a gap between perception and reality."

Kennedy's wife, Mandy (Orme '97) leads a study with some of the players' wives. "I think they get farther in depth in the first ten minutes of the season than I get all season long." He adds that, for the most part, he is often on the outside, scrambling and readjusting his approach to get a few precious moments of meaningful interaction. "With all that said, I still believe in what I'm doing."

As we all know, baseball is seasonal. So, what does Kennedy do the rest of the year? Mainly, he is one of the pastors at Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He says, "During fall conference week my junior year, I heard this speaker named Alistair Begg. Little did I know that God would reunite me with him at Parkside seven years later."

As a pastor, Kennedy oversees numerous ministries: Transit, for people in their 20's to mid-30's; Truelife, for singles over 35; and Raising Up, which shepherds those who are sensing a call to full-time ministry. He also teaches a Life Groups class which meets Sunday mornings and is open to anyone in the church, and he organizes church mission trips. In addition, Kennedy and his wife are working on coordinating young families at Parkside to get better connected through quarterly gatherings, playgroups and various activities.

As if his plate wasn't full enough, Kennedy says, "I preach, make hospital visits, counsel, lead worship, and, when necessary, take random questions/emails from Truth For Life listeners." Truth For Life is Alistair Begg's radio ministry.

Cedarville played an integral role for Kennedy, that has not only served him as a minister, but as the Indians chaplain.

"Mandy and I got married the year after we graduated and words can't express the type of person she is and what she means to me," he says. "Cedarville prepared us greatly for ministry and gave me opportunities to minister as a student. I developed a love for the pulpit and Bible teaching. The college gave me mentors and friends who have been instrumental in my growth as a Christian man."

Kennedy graduated with a BA in the Bible pre-seminary program at Cedarville, then attended Trinity Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He currently serves as the transit and singles pastor at Parkside Church. His wife, Mandy, graduated with a BS in nursing. They have been married for nine years, have two children—Olivia, 4, and Peter, 1—and live in Aurora, Ohio.

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On the Job: Pen's organist Tim Priano



By Daveen Rae Kurutz

Tim Priano pulls a black Penguins jersey over his head as he hears the fans roar. With his lucky companion in place -- a bean-bag Penguin named "Artie" -- Priano glances around the packed Mellon Arena, pulls on his headgear and flexes his fingers.

"Game on," he says with a grin. "This never gets old."

Priano, 28, of Baldwin, begins another day living his dream -- playing for the Penguins. But unlike his childhood heroes Robby Brown and Mario Lemieux, Priano doesn't don skates and pads and score goals. He's the organist.

"There's nothing like it," Priano said. "If the fact that 18,000 people are cheering along with what I'm playing for my favorite team might motivate the guys on the ice to do well, it's just a rush and a half."

The South Hills native got his start as a hockey organist while attending college at Cedarville University in Ohio. A longtime hockey fan, Priano was excited to hear the NHL's expansion was bringing a professional hockey team to nearby Columbus. Then he saw the Blue Jackets looking for an anthem singer and organist.

While Priano doesn't have the voice of Pens' anthem singer Jeff Jimmerson, he had played piano since he was 6. He practiced almost nonstop for about three weeks before his audition.

"Nobody, including me, thought I had a chance in the world to get it," Priano said. "I was a 20-year-old kid flying all over the country and getting into games for free. This wasn't supposed to happen to me."

He spent his senior year working as the Blue Jackets' organist, making the drive from Pittsburgh to Columbus for games over winter and spring breaks. He returned to Columbus after graduation for a second season before marrying his college sweetheart, Mandie, and moving back to Pittsburgh.

Luck would strike again for Priano. Local legend Vince Lascheid, for decades the organist for the Pirates and Penguins, was looking to retire from the hockey assignment after the 2002-03 season. Priano's experience helped him get the job.

"I felt like I went from the minor leagues to the big leagues," he said. "It's my favorite team, and now I'm playing at games I'd have paid to go to and was playing 'Let's Go Pens' with people cheering."

Then the Penguins broke his heart.

After one season, officials told Priano the team had hired a professional group to provide game-night entertainment. He began working as a financial aid counselor, first at the Culinary Institute and later at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Downtown, where he works today. His time at the organ keys was limited to playing at church, and his time as a hockey fan was spent in the stands.

After the NHL shut down for a season in a dispute with the players' union, Priano heard there had been some changes in the organization for the 2005-06 season, so he dropped his contact information at the arena before the start of the season.

To his surprise, his old boss from Columbus was the game-night producer who coordinated the multimedia and live entertainment during games at Mellon Arena.

"As quick as it got taken away from me, I had it back," Priano said.

Now in his fourth season playing the organ for the Penguins, Priano has his game-night routine down to a science. After getting



(Top and right) Tim Priano in his organ loft at Pittsburgh's Mellon Arena - home of the Penguins. (Photos courtesy of Heidi Murrin - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review)



to the arena about an hour and 45 minutes before the first faceoff, he treks to the organ loft -- the highest point in the arena. There, he completes a sound check and runs through a list of songs that he might play during the game.

"You never really know what you're going to play," Priano said. "It's all about thinking on your feet."

Priano pays close attention to the action on the ice -- and the reaction from the fans tells him when to break out a song. Otherwise, he enjoys the game, jumping and celebrating just like the fans below when the Penguins put one in the net.

"I go crazy when they score," he said. "I really get into the game."

For fans, Priano is an integral part of the environment.

"He gives it more of an old-school hockey game feeling," said Alan Erceg, 24, of Lower Burrell, who has been attending games for 11 years. "It adds a very distinct sound compared to the normal generic rock music that is played between breaks in play."

"He can be helpful in stirring the crowd up," said David Gray, 49, of Penn Hills, who has been attending games since the mid-'70s. "He adds to the atmosphere and it may even be nostalgic for older fans."

For Priano, he hopes to be one of those older fans one day -- watching the game from his organ loft, wherever it might be in the new arena planned for the Pens.

"I thank God every day for this opportunity and think to myself, 'Wow, I could be doing this when I'm 60,'" he said. "And I would still love it."

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Four Inducted into CU Athletic Hall of Fame



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Cedarville University added four new members to its Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, January 18, 2008 in festivities during the school's Alumni Weekend.

The four newest Athletic Hall of Fame members are:

David Cox **Men's Soccer • 1978-81**

David Cox was a key component of the Yellow Jacket men's soccer program from 1978 through 1981. He was a three-time Team MVP and is one of only three players in school history to be voted conference Player of the Year when he earned the Mid-Ohio Conference J. Albert Turner Award as a junior in 1980.

Cox was selected an NAIA All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as a senior in 1981. He tallied 11 goals and nine assists while leading the Yellow Jackets to a national runner-up finish to Messiah College in the NCCAA Championship. He was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player in the tournament and grabbed a spot on the NCCAA All-America Team.

Cox was a three-time All-NAIA District 22 selection, a three-time All-MOC performer, and was twice selected to the All-Ohio First Team. He patrolled the midfield during his first three seasons and was moved to forward his senior year finishing his career with 16 goals and 13 assists.

Cox is a 1982 graduate of Cedarville College with a pre-seminary Bible degree and serves as a missionary in Brazil with the Word of Life Bible Seminary. He and his wife, Cynthia, have four children.



Karen DeMars **Women's Volleyball, Basketball • 1969-73** **Women's Tennis • 1972-73**

Karen DeMars was a four-year letter winner in women's volleyball and basketball at Cedarville from 1969 through 1973. She also earned two letters in tennis in 1972 and 1973.

DeMars received one of the highest honors available to women athletes in her day when she was named the Cedarville College Female Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1973. She was a member of the Lady Jackets' OAISW state championship team in 1973 and the state runner-up squad in 1972. She led the program in rebounding both of those seasons from the post position.

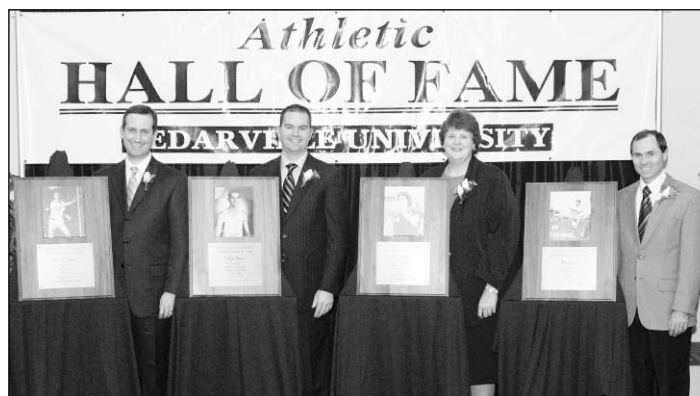
DeMars was a three-time Team MVP on the volleyball court. She also was part of two of the first women's tennis teams that Cedarville ever had.

DeMars, who is single and resides in Columbus, Ohio, earned her elementary education degree from Cedarville College in 1973. She retired following 31 years of public school teaching.



Chad Eder **Men's Cross Country, Track & Field • 1992-96**

Chad Eder is known as the best race walker in school history after starring on the track for the Yellow Jackets from 1993 through 1996. He became Cedarville's first men's NAIA national champion by winning the 5K walk as

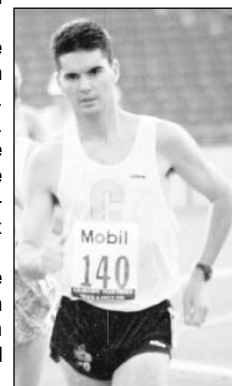


The four 2008 Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (left-to-right): Dino Tsiouris, Chad Eder, Karen DeMars and David Cox.

a senior and he was a three-time All-American in the event.

Eder, who still owns the school records for the indoor 3K and outdoor 5K walks, participated in numerous prestigious events including the U.S. Olympic Trials, U.S. Indoor Championships, U.S. Outdoor Championships, Penn Relays, and the Millrose Games. He was the champion of the Collegiate Nationals in 1995 and following graduation competed in dozens of triathlons, six marathons, and two Iron Man triathlons.

Eder is a 1996 graduate of Cedarville College with a finance degree. He is employed as an investment advisor and additionally owns his own business, Eder Investment Services. Chad resides in Richland, Wash. with his wife, Rebecca, and their two children.



Dino Tsiouris **Men's Tennis • 1986-90**

Dino Tsiouris racked up a 105-25 career singles record as a member of the men's tennis program from 1986 through 1990. He also enjoyed a 103-21 doubles mark while being named to the All-NAIA District 22 and All-Mid-Ohio Conference teams four times each.

Tsiouris (pronounced shuh-BOR-us) was one of 10 freshmen on the 11-player roster in 1986-87 which started the winningest era in Cedarville tennis history. The Jackets boasted a four-year record of 142-13 which included a 35-8 slate versus NCAA Division I competition and an unblemished 57-0 record at home. They copped three district titles and three conference trophies.

The Yellow Jackets made four trips to the NAIA Nationals during Tsiouris' career with three Top 20 finishes including a best-ever tie for 8th place in 1989. He personally went 8-4 in singles in national tournament matches advancing to the third round all four years.

Tsiouris earned a business administration degree from Cedarville College in 1990 and currently owns his own law practice, Tsiouris & Associates in Columbus, Ohio. Dino and his wife, Kendra, have two sons.



The Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame – established in 1984, now includes 66 members.